

## **ABSTRACT**

A molded cover for a trim component in a vehicle passenger compartment comprises a composite French seam having a molded center seam and threaded side seams. The molded cover simulates the appearance and feel of an authentic "cut and sew" leather cover yet is produced at a significantly lower cost. Ultimately, the molded cover with the composite French seam is used in the assembly of a vehicular trim component with an appearance similar to that of a hand-wrapped leather trim component.